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GOBLIN SLAYER

SIDE STORY: YEAR ONE

I CAN STILL REMEMBER WHY WE HAD THAT FIGHT.
WE MUST HAVE BEEN ABOUT EIGHT YEARS OLD.
GUESS WHAT? I'M GOING TO TOWN TOMORROW. I'M GONNA HELP ON UNCLE'S FARM!
NEAT, HUH?
YOU'VE NEVER BEEN TO TOWN, HAVE YOU?
HE WAS TWO YEARS OLDER THAN ME AND LIVED NEXT DOOR. I WANTED HIM TO SAY, "I WANT TO GO WITH YOU."
THEN I WOULD HAVE PUFFED OUT MY CHEST AND SAID, "SURE!"
BUT...

...AND WE BOTH ENDED UP CRYING OUR EYES OUT.
I SHOUTED SOMETHING BACK...
HE SHOUTED SOMETHING AT ME INSTEAD.
HIS SISTER LED HIM HOME AND HIS BACK WAS THE LAST I SAW OF HIM.

MMF...
MOJO (TOSS)
もぞ
GORO
ゴロ
GORO (CLATTER)
ゴロ
BUH...
もぞっ
MOJO (TOSS)
I'M STILL SLEEPY...

KYU (SHOUT)
FUWA (SHOT)
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MOGU (MUNCH)
MOGU
GOGO (RUSTLE)
GOGO
G'MORNING, UNCLE!
AH, MORNING!
NI (SMILE)
HE'S NOT ANGRY EVEN THOUGH I OVER-SLEPT.

SAY...
WHEN I'M DONE HERE, I'M GOING TO MAKE THESE DELIVERIES...
OH...
...
I SEE.
GYU (GRUMP)
IT'S OKAY. I DON'T...
...REALLY WANT TO GO TO TOWN.
IN THAT CASE, WOULD YOU BE SO KIND AS TO LET THE COWS OUT?
WE NEED THEM TO EAT WELL AND GROW FAT.
SURE. I'VE GOT IT.

...AND I'M STILL LIKE THIS.
FIVE YEARS SINCE I CAME TO UNCLE'S FARM...
IT'S BEEN FIVE YEARS.
I HAD A NIGHTMARE.
BUT I CAN'T DO ANYTHING ON MY OWN EITHER...
C'MON
HEY!
I CAN'T STAND JUST LETTING HIM TAKE CARE OF ME.
I THINK IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR UNCLE AND ME BOTH IF WE DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH EACH OTHER.
I MUST BE SUCH A DISAPPOINT-MENT...

KAAAA (SLUUUSH)
CHIKA
CHIKA GLANCES
THEY'RE ALL GOING TO TOWN...
OH UHM
HEY...
WHAT I'M DOING IS PERFECTLY NORMAL, BUT...
C'MON

THE BOY NEXT DOOR WAS THE SAME WAY...
HE MUST BE AN ASPIRING ADVEN-TURER...
HE WAS GOING TO BE AN ADVENTURER AT FIFTEEN, WHEN HE WAS AN ADULT— OR WHEN HE LIED ABOUT HIS AGE.
HE WOULD EXPLORE RUINS AND FIGHT MONSTERS AND FIND TREASURE AND RESCUE PRINCESSES AND MAYBE SAVE THE WORLD SOMETIMES.
FOR SOME PEOPLE, IT'S THE ONLY AVAILABLE OPTION, FOR ANY NUMBER OF REASONS.
NO. I HAVE TO THINK ABOUT THE COWS...
...UGH...
OR I MIGHT NOT BE HERE AT ALL... LIKE HIM.
I MIGHT HAVE ENDED UP THAT WAY, HAD THINGS BEEN DIFFERENT.

FU
OWHOOSH
BA
WHAP!

HUH ...?
IT CAN'T BE.
...AND YET...
... POSSIBLE ...
IT'S NOT...

EXCUSE ME! I'D LIKE TO REGISTER AS AN ADVENTURER!
OF COURSE, BE RIGHT WITH YOU!
MAKE SURE YOU WRITE DOWN THE POTIONS YOU SOLD, THEY'LL BE BALANCING THE BOOKS TOMORROW.
YES MA'AM! I'M ON IT!
HEY, COULD YOU BRING ME THREE BAGS OF GOLD FROM THE SAFE?
RIGHT AWAY!
WHERE'S THAT MAP I ASKED FOR?!
UMM... IT'S ON THE SHELF...
I'LL BRING IT RIGHT OVER!
WHAAAT !?
THIS PAPER-WORK IS WRONG!
A WYRM IS A DRAGON, BUT A WORM IS JUST A VILE DIRT-DWELLER!
I'M VERY SORRY!!

I DON'T REMEMBER BEING THIS BUSY DURING MY TRAINING IN THE CAPITAL...!
GAYA (CRASH)
GAYA
GAYA
STILL, TO CONFUSE WYRM AND WORM...
CRAP, A DRAGON!
I-I HAVE TO STAY FOCUSED.
A MISTAKE IN A QUEST PAPER COULD COST AN ADVENTURER THEIR LIFE.
OH, AND DO THE PAPER-WORK FOR THESE GOBLIN-SLAYING QUESTS, PLEASE.
GASHONG (CLANG)
フル (SHAKE)
フル
YOU HOLDING UP?

GOBLINS AGAIN...
SIGH...

ALTHOUGH THEY'RE QUICK TO BOW TO STRONGER RACES, GOBLINS BELIEVE THEY ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT CREATURES IN THE WORLD AND TAKE JOY IN TORMENTING THOSE WEAKER THAN THEM.
THEY HAVE THE SIZE, STRENGTH, AND INTELLIGENCE OF CHILDREN. THEY FORM BANDS THAT LIVE IN CAVES AND RUINS, FROM WHICH THEY ATTACK VILLAGES AND ABDUCT WOMEN.
GOBLINS...
THEY'RE THE WEAKEST OF THE NON-PRAYER CHARACTERS—OR NPCS.

THERE'S A SAYING THAT HOLDS THAT EVERY TIME A PARTY OF ADVENTURERS IS FORMED, SO IS A HORDE OF GOBLINS.

THEY DO THINGS LIKE STEAL LIVESTOCK ALL THE TIME, BUT WHEN THINGS GET WORSE THAN THAT, THEN PEOPLE COME TO THE GUILD.
AND "WORSE THAN THAT" SEEMS TO SHOW UP EVERY SINGLE DAY.

THE COUNTRY IS TOO BUSY DEALING WITH BIGGER PROBLEMS TO WORRY ABOUT GOBLINS.
AND ADVENTURERS WANT ENEMIES THAT WILL BRING THEM MORE FAME.
DARK ELF ASSASSINS, MEMBERS OF EVIL SECTS, NECROMANCERS ...
SIGH...
GOBLIN SLAYING IS VERY IMPORTANT TO THE VILLAGERS, AND YET...
HERE I AM, GETTING THIS PAPERWORK READY...
...BUT, HOW MANY ADVENTURERS WILL TAKE THESE QUESTS?
HEY, DON'T GET TOO DOWN!
DON'T YOU KNOW?

YOUR WORK HELPS SET THINGS RIGHT IN THE WORLD!
SO DO IT WITH A SMILE!
SAY, HAVE YOU HAD LUNCH YET?
NO, I HAVEN'T HAD TIME...
AW, JUST GO EAT! CAN'T WORK ON AN EMPTY STOMACH!
CHIN UP. HERE COMES THE NEXT ONE!
RIGHT ...
DON'T FORGET THAT SMILE!
TRUTH BE TOLD, I CAN'T MUSTER AN APPETITE.
A SMILE, HUH...?

OH!
UH...
H-HEY...
WHY ARE YOU...? I MEAN, WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE?
ERM...
...?
...
...A GOOD TIME?
IS NOW...

CAN'T WE MAKE THE REWARD JUST A LITTLE LESS?
I CAN'T AFFORD THIS MUCH FOR A BODYGUARD ...
I'M VERY SORRY, BUT IT'S STIPULATED IN OUR RULES AND REGULATIONS.
MAKING SURE OUR ADVENTURERS ARE FAIRLY COMPENSATED IS PART OF OUR JOB.
...MAKING THINGS RIGHT...
...BY DOING MY JOB, HUH?
WELCOME TO THE ADVENTURERS GUILD!
WHAT CAN I HELP YOU WITH TODAY?
IF YOU'RE ALL RIGHT, I'D LIKE TO REGISTER.
R-REGISTRATION! RIGHT! THE PAPERS ARE— UM...
EEK!
YIKES!
BASH (SHUTTER)

GOBLINS?
OH...
GOBLINS ...?
YES, THAT'S A GOBLIN-SLAYING QUEST.
GOBLINS. I SEE.
I'LL TAKE THIS QUEST, THEN.
OH, BUT...IT'S DANGEROUS WITHOUT A PARTY...
IT WON'T BE A PROBLEM.

GRRRRGL
P-PLEASE, WAIT JUST A—
THE WORLD MONSTER DICTIONARY
NO! GOBLIN WORK IS DANGEROUS IF YOU DON'T HAVE ENOUGH PEOPLE...!!
.....
.....
Y-YES...!
DIDN'T HE HEAR ME?
I—
A-AHEM!
WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY IS—!
THIS IS A GOBLIN QUEST, ISN'T IT?
OH!
EEP!
AHHHHHHHH!
GRRRRGL

ARE YOU ABLE TO READ AND WRITE?
YES. I LEARNED HOW.
PLEASE FILL OUT THIS ADVENTURE SHEET, THEN.
UM... IT WAS RIGHT HERE A SECOND AGO...
GOGO
GOGO UNWAVERED
HERE.
LOOKING FOR THIS?
SU (SLIDE)
NOW...THE LEVEL TAG IS JUST COPIED FROM THE ADVENTURE SHEET...
NAME, GENDER, AGE, CLASS, HAIR, EYES, BODY TYPE, ABILITIES...
KARI (SCRATCH)
ONE IN FIGHTER ...
ONE IN RANGER ...
KARI
THERE! DONE!

...
...YES...?
THIS TAG IS IMPORTANT, SO PLEASE DON'T LOSE IT.
ADVENTURERS' GUILD
I UNDERSTAND.
WHAT'S WITH HIM?

WELCOME TO THE ADVENTURERS GUILD! HOW CAN I HELP YOU TODAY?
OH! UM...
NIKO (SMILE)
OH, UH, I WANNA REGISTER TOO.
HE LOOKS LIKE A REAL PRICK.
YOU KNOW...
KUSU (WEW)
ZUI (SHOOP)
COOL!
OF COURSE!
...WAS HE WORRIED THAT I HADN'T EATEN?
WHEN HE ASKED IF NOW WAS A GOOD TIME...

SO, UH...
I DON'T SUPPOSE YOU HAVE ANY LEGENDARY SWORDS OR ANYTHING... DO YOU?
WE'VE GOT JUST AS MANY AS YOU DO.
RIGHT. SURE.
OKAY. HOW ABOUT MAGIC BLADES THAT YOU ACTIVATE WITH A WORD OF POWER?
SURE, GOOD IDEA.
I WANT THE STRONGEST WEAPON I CAN BUY WITH... THIS!
HOW ABOUT WE TALK ABOUT YOUR BUDGET, M'BOY?
THEN WE'LL SEE WHAT I CAN SELL YOU.
NOT IN ANY SHOP IN THE WORLD!
EVEN A LITTLE MAGIC PUTS AN ITEM IN A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT CLASS FROM ANYTHING NON-MAGICAL.

HERE WE GO AGAIN.
ANOTHER RUNT WHO HEARD A FEW BEDTIME STORIES AND CONVINCED HIMSELF HE COULD BE A HERO, TOO.
WANTS A SWORD THAT'S TOO HEAVY FOR HIM, ARMOR WITH BITS MISSING SO HE CAN MOVE.
AND HE WOULDN'T LISTEN IF I TOLD HIM HE HASN'T GOT THE BODY FOR THIS JOB.
WILL A SWORD DO FOR YOU?
YES, THAT WOULD BE PERFECT.
NO SHIELD OR HELMET?
A HELMET? HMM... NAH.
THEN HOW COULD PEOPLE SEE MY FACE?
SELL YOUR FACE, YOUR REPUTATION... I GUESS THAT'S ADVENTURING.
FAIR ENOUGH. BUT AT LEAST TAKE A SHIELD.
I'VE NEVER USED ONE BEFORE...
DOESN'T MATTER. TAKE ONE.

HOW MANY OF THEM COME HERE FROM THE COUNTRY WITH OLD EQUIPMENT, OR BUY THINGS AND RUN WITHOUT HEARING A WORD I SAY?
THEN AGAIN, IT'S NOT ME FIGHTING MONSTERS.
HOPE... IF NOTHING ELSE.
HE LISTENED. THAT MEANS THERE MIGHT BE SOME HOPE FOR HIM.
I NEED EQUIPMENT.
YOU GO WHEN IT'S YOUR TIME, NO MATTER WHAT YOU'RE WEARING.
MAYBE I SHOULD LET THEM DO WHAT THEY WANT.

I DO.
THAT YOU DO....
...BUT DO YOU HAVE COIN?
IT'S REAL.
A POUCH WITH AN EMBROIDERED FLOWER...
MADE OFF WITH MOMMY'S PURSE, DID YOU? OR MAYBE YOUR BIG SISTER'S?
.....
YES. I DID.
...AND WHAT'LL YOU BE NEEDING?
STURDY LEATHER ARMOR AND A ROUND SHIELD.
OH-HO.

AND FOR A WEAPON?
A SWORD. ONE-HANDED.
HE'S GOT THE BUILD OF A FIGHTER.
OBVIOUS ENOUGH, WITH A SHIELD.
THIS IS FOR YOU, THEN.
PROBABLY MULTI-CLASSED AS A SCOUT OR A RANGER...
ARMOR'S ON THE SHELF IN BACK.
SHIELDS ARE ON THE WALL.
HMM...
MOST GREEN-HORNS DO THAT.
THE WEIGHT OF THE SWORD IS MAKING HIM LEAN SLIGHTLY TO ONE SIDE.

H-HEY!
DID YOU JUST REGISTER TODAY?
ME TOO!
H-HOW ABOUT WE GO ON AN ADVENTURE TOGETHER?
AN ADVENTURE ...

HUH?
I WANT GOBLINS.
I'M AIMING HIGHER THAN THAT! RUINS MYSTERIOUS! DANGERS UNKNOWN!
GOBLINS? HARDLY!
WILL THERE BE GOBLINS?
SA (STAND)
I'M GOING TO SLAY GOBLINS.
GUU (YANK)

I'LL TAKE THEM.
HOW MUCH DO I HAVE LEFT?
A FEW COINS.
HEH! WHAT A RIPOFF.
HARD LEATHER TAKES TIME TO MAKE, AND I'LL HAVE MY PRICE FOR IT!
YOU DON'T LIKE IT? GO SOMEWHERE ELSE!
DO YOU HAVE POTIONS?
NEXT TIME, GET THEM FROM THE RECEPTIONIST.
NOT THAT I DON'T HAVE 'EM HERE.
GOOD ENOUGH?
ONE ANTIDOTE, ONE HEALING POTION.
YES.

IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE I'LL NEED?
HRM... MAYBE THE ADVENTURER'S TOOLKIT, A DAGGER, AND IF I MAY ADD...
...A HELMET.
A HELMET...
GE CLANG
HANG ON. I'VE A CHEAP ONE.
SFX: CRUNCH
IF YOU'RE NOT WORRIED ABOUT PEOPLE KNOWING YOUR FACE...
...THEN YOU'LL WANT ONE OF THESE.

GAYA
GAYA (CHATTER)
I'VE BOUGHT MY EQUIPMENT.
I'VE ACCEPTED A QUEST.
I'VE REGISTERED AS AN ADVENTURER.
I AM READY.
SHIELD

I'M A GOBLIN SLAYER, AND I WILL SLAY GOBLINS.
TO BE CONTINUED!

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